

Chapter 268

(House Bill 503)

AN ACT concerning

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact – Board of Directors – Appointing Authority for Federal Members

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~U.S. Secretary of Transportation~~ Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, rather than the Administrator of General Services, to appoint the federal members and alternate federal members for the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and generally relating to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority compact.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 10–204 Title III Article III Section 5(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

10–204.

Title III

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(a) The Authority shall be governed by a Board of eight Directors consisting of two Directors for each signatory and two for the federal government (one of whom shall be a regular passenger and customer of the bus or rail service of the Authority). For Virginia, the Directors shall be appointed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; for the District of Columbia, by the Council of the District of Columbia; for Maryland, by the Washington Suburban Transit Commission; and for the federal government, by the [Administrator of General Services] ~~U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION~~ SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. For Virginia and Maryland, the Directors shall be appointed from among the members of the appointing body, except as otherwise provided herein, and shall serve for a term coincident with their term on the appointing body. A Director for a signatory may be removed or suspended from office only as provided by the law of the signatory from which he was

appointed. The nonfederal appointing authorities shall also appoint an alternate for each Director. In addition, the [Administrator of General Services] ~~U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION~~ SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION shall also appoint two nonvoting members who shall serve as the alternates for the federal Directors. An alternate Director may act only in the absence of the Director for whom he has been appointed an alternate, except that, in the case of the District of Columbia where only one Director and his alternate are present, such alternate may act on behalf of the absent Director. Each alternate, including the federal nonvoting Directors, shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of Director or alternate, it shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.